

# **MINUTES**

## **UTAH Massage Therapy Licensing Board MEETING**

**November 30, 2007**

**Room 475 (Electronic Meeting) – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – 9:00 a.m.  
Heber Wells Building  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

**CONVENED:** 9:06 a.m.

**ADJOURNED:** 9:35 a.m.

**Bureau Manager:**

Clyde Ormond

**Board Secretary:**

Jacky Adams

**Board Members Present:**

Craig Sauer - Chairperson  
Ruth Werner  
Richard Engar  
Carolyn M Redington

**Board Members Absent:**

Jennifer Pruetz

**Guests:**

Roger Olbrot, AMTA (American Massage Therapy Association)  
Randy Nikola, Healing Mountain

**DOPL Staff Present:**

F. David Stanley

### **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:  
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Approval of the November 20, 2007 Board Meeting minutes were tabled until the January 15, 2008 meeting.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Proposed Massage Therapy Rules Revisions

Mr. Ormond explained that the Division's testing vendor will become PSI (PSI Services Inc) as of January 1, 2008. Due to the vendor change Massage Apprentices will no longer be able to take the Massage Theory Examination. If the proposed Massage Therapy Rules changes are approved, all Massage Apprentices will be required by R156-47b-302b(2) to pass the FSMTB (Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards) MBLEx (Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination) prior to obtaining licensure as a Massage Therapist. All currently licensed Massage Apprentices will be issued an extended license, to enable them time to study for the MBLEX exam.

Mr. Ormond reviewed the proposed Massage Therapy Rules changes to R156-47b-302b (1) (b) (iii), explaining that the Division is proposing to require all applicants who graduate from an approved Massage Therapy Institution to take either the NCETM (National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage), NCETMB (National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork) or the FSMTB MBLEx, prior to obtaining licensure as a Massage Therapist. Mr. Ormond then added that the Division will no longer issue a Temporary Massage Therapist license contingent upon passing one of the approved exams.

Mr. Ormond then reminded the Board that at the November 20, 2007 Board Meeting it was determined to assemble a group of Massage Institutions and Massage Apprenticeship Supervisors, to review the Massage Therapy Law and Rules questions, which will be added to the Massage Therapy application, as of January 1, 2008. It was explained that the Division had compiled a sixteen, true or false, question exam.

After a detailed discussion Mr. Engar seconded by Ms. Werner made a motion to approve the Proposed Rules changes to R156-47b, with corrections, the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Werner then suggested, adding a Continuing Education requirement for renewal of licensure, the Board agreed to discuss this issue at a later date.

**ADJOURN:**

9:35 a.m.

*Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.*

January 15, 2008

(ss) Ruth Werner

Date Approved

Chairperson, Massage Therapy Licensing Board

January 15, 2008

(ss) Clyde Ormond

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing